

### **So what about you?**

How do you intend to live and give graciously, to share the gifts you have and to live in community with all your neighbours? We would love all church members:

- To grow in their relationship with God. This may be through regular attending worship or for example, joining one of our study or prayer groups.
- To get more involved in the church community itself, perhaps serving within our community. For example, there are many ways to get involved in our services, leading prayers, as Sidesperson, helping with our welcome team or in the governance of the church.
- To get more involved in serving our local community or with the community in some way. Through the years God has used this Church mightily. There is a lot to do in this area of the City and around the world. If you would like to get involved, ask one of the Church Wardens or a member of the PCC or Mission and Ministry Team.
- To consider your financial giving and complete a monthly Standing Order form. This would enable us to give more generously.

Our prayer is that God's work will be further enabled and continued through the ministry of us all at St Olave's Church and those in our community, and future generations will recognise the legacy of our stewardship of the Gospel.

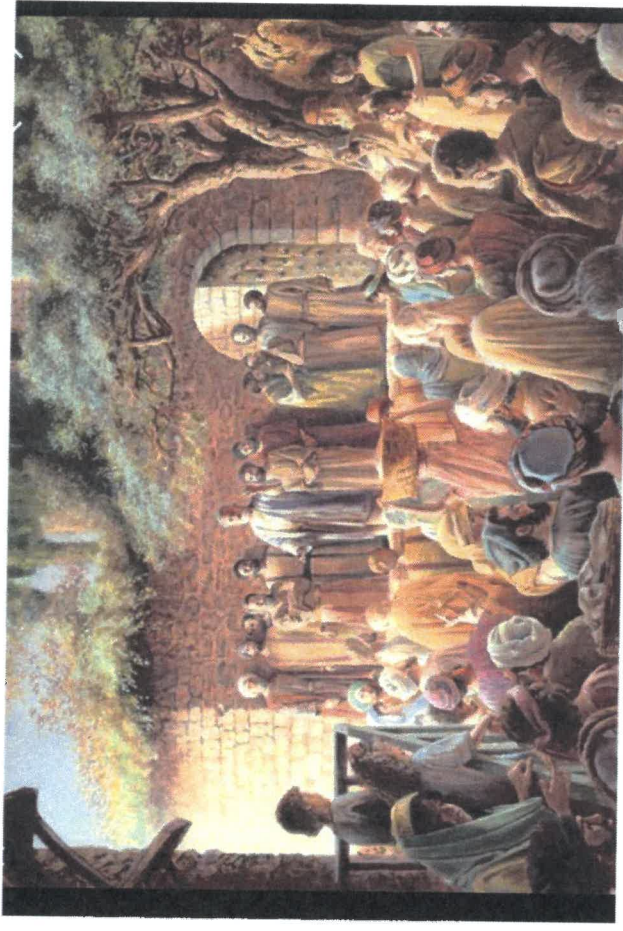
Please consider your response to God's generosity in response to all He has done for you, always remembering that small things can often make a huge difference.

### **How to get in touch**

See our Notice Boards to find out more and statistics on our progress to date, as well as our broader annual Mission Action Plan.

Also, if you want to get involved, please speak to one of our ministry team, visit our website or email us at [admin@saintolave.com](mailto:admin@saintolave.com).

# Graciously Living and Giving for God



## Stewardship and Mission at St Olave's Church, Hart Street

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This leaflet sets out our approach to stewardship and mission and how we can be good stewards of all that we are and of the Gospel itself.

Many Christians give generously but still decide to separate their money from their faith as if the two do not go together. There are also those who give generously to charities who do not currently have a faith. Jesus teaches us that money and faith are completely entwined. It isn't just about money though, and Jesus often talked about how our faith is impacted by how we use:

- "our" time,
- "our" possessions, and of course
- "our" money.

Christian stewardship is ultimately about being the people God wants us to be, which shapes how we as individuals and as a community join in with God's mission. At St Olave's we believe we are called:

- To be a worshipping and witnessing community that grows in its relationship with God, modelling Christ's values individually and collectively,
- To be a missional community that shares this Good News with others, travelling with them as they grow in their faith, and
- To be a serving community, including encouraging others to serve even if they are not yet in a relationship with Jesus, and so whilst serving together offering signposts to help them know the Good News of Jesus Christ.

## Our three key Stewardship and Missional themes:

### 1. Our Lifestyle:

This is about us growing our faith individually and as a community, prayerfully considering the use of God's gifts that He has entrusted us with and encouraging each of us to live in a way that considers the impact of our decisions on all of creation.

Today at St Olave's this involves:

- a. Promoting Christian values in our worship and offering various ways to develop our faith and grow in our relationship with others in the body of Christ.
- b. Encouraging each other individually to listen to God and challenge how we are good stewards of all we are, and
- c. As a community, also challenging our choices, so for example, we are a Fairtrade church and use "Clean For Good" as our cleaning contractor, an organisation which commits to better employment practices and fairer wages.

### 2. Our involvement in our local community:

This is about taking God's message to, and working with, those around us locally. It is about each of us graciously giving of ourselves to work with those in need locally.

Today at St Olave's this involves:

- a. Pastorally and spiritually supporting businesses and institutions locally, including conducting services to celebrate together, to commemorate together and also mourn lost loved ones together.
- d. Creating opportunities for our community to participate in God's mission and work together with us in the service of others, for example our work with the local hotels, local businesses and The Hygiene Bank.
- e. Committing some of our time and resources to work with and support local charities, for example Suited & Booted and Dress for Success, wisely using resources available here.

### 3. Our involvement in our global community:

This is about creating a mutuality of mission with partners outside of our parish and encouraging their involvement with us. This may be about financially supporting them but is also about seeking new ways to support and learn from each other.

Today at St Olave's this involves:

- a. Committing to financially contribute to an overseas Charity partner, Malaika, to support their amazing school in The Democratic Republic of the Congo. They have committed to come regularly to tell us about their school.